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ALthough the Juſtice and Honour of the King be ſuch, as becomes the Son and Succeſſor of ſuch *a Father* (who loved the Church and its juſt Intereſts, more then his own life:) ſo that His Sacred Majeſtie will eaſily command ſuch *Satans* to get behinde him, as unworthy of his preſence; whoſe ſacrilegious projects and devices deſerve to periſh with their money. Yet that His Excellent Majeſtie and His two Loyal Houſes of Parliament, with all His

good Subjects, may see the craft of that design, and the hook under that bait; it is not amiss to discover the poyson of sin and shame, of dishonour and danger, of impiety and imprudence wherewith it is fraught, and wherewith it seeks to infect the King, the two Houses of Parliament, and the whole Nation, onely to ensure a few unhappy Merchants in their sacrilegious adventures.

First, For His Majestie to do, as is there unworthily (because against all law and justice) desired, is to be God-father to those spurious and illegitimate practises, which were begotten from, and nourished most what by tumultuary, disorderly and violent ways; tending to, and ending so much in the ruine of King, Church and State; yea, the very Proposers do by their bold proposal clearly confess, that they have (yet) no Law or Justice for their pretended purchases, and consequently no very good consciences to keep them, but would gladly by a new price of iniquity, purchase to themselvas a right by Law for ninety nine years, whereas they vapored heretofore as if they had the fee-simple; that was (indeed) *Robinhoods* pennyworths, at five or six years purchase, considering the timber, houses and Improvements.

Secondly, By their instancing so boldly in the late Kings *forced Concessions*, or rather *necessitated deliberations*, about granting a Lease of improved Church Lands for ninety nine years, in order to redeem His Life, Crown, and posterity (to which redemption all the Loyal Clergy were more willing to consent then himself)

himſelf) theſe Propoſers do dangerouſly inſinuate, as if the preſent King His Son, were in the ſame diſtreſs of life and fortunes, to which *fraud* and *force* had then reduced His *Royal Father*: Which (bleſſed be God) is not the preſent *caſe* of *King* or *Church*; For the *King* is now *cloathed* with excellent Majeſtie, and the Church hath put off its *filthy garments, and rags*, wherewith the Enemies of God, the King, and the Church had deformed her. As for His Fathers Murtherers, and the Enemies of *King* and *Church*, they are now covered with *ſhame* and *confuſion of face*, as with *a cloak*. And certainly it is as impudent, as unſeaſonable a deſire, ſince ſome Purchaſers have already *drunk* the *blood*, and eat *the fleſh* of the Kings Father: ſince they have againſt all Law and Conſcience deſtroyed many *Houſes of God*, and *greedily* gaped to devour all Gods portion, and the *Churches Patrimony*; that the Son now happily reigning in peace, ſhould reward ſuch for their *good works*, by enabling them with an Act of Parliament, to ſtrengthen their now *wambling ſtomachs*; the better to digeſt the Churches Lands and Houſes they have devoured: All which His *Royal* and *Martyrlie Father* ſought to preſerve as much as His Life, Crown, and Kingdoms; eſteeming all injuries done to the Church, to be as great reproaches and inſolences againſt His God and Saviour, ſo point blank againſt His Conſcience, as a Chriſtian, and againſt his *Coronation-Oath* as a King, no leſs then againſt *Magna Charta*, or the Fundamental Laws of this Kingdom, by which the Churches rights are ſettled, and ought to be preſerved.

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Thirdly, It would monſtrouſly abate and *eclipſe*, not onely the Renown and Honour of His Majeſtie, who is the Son of ſuch a *Father*, but in time it would ſhrink His *conſtant Revennes*; part of which ariſe from thoſe *Firſt-fruits*, and *yearly Tenths*, which are duly and cheerfully paid by the *Biſhops*, *Deans* and *Chapters*, out of their Lands and Eſtates, while in their power, and poſſeſſion, and improvement.

Fourthly, This *wretched project* would be a continued injury and indignity put upon this *Famous Church* of *England*, and its learned Clergy; who have been formerly eſteemed as eminent, deſerving, and flouriſhing, as any in the world: And all this, meerly upon this account and occaſion, becauſe it hath been for ſome *years* paſt, inſolently ſtripped and abuſed, in which its eminent Biſhops, and other *Divines*, have (like Jewels) been trampled under the feeet *of Swine*; men of ſordid and ſacrilegious ſpirits, onely fit to devour and deſtroy *Kings and Biſhops*, things Sacred and Civil.

Fifthly, It would be exceedingly to the diſhonour, not onely of the *Kings Majeſtie*, to degenerate from the examples as of His *many Royal Progenitors*, Chriſtian *Kings* and *Queens* of *England*, who were in all ages *nurſing Fathers* and *Mothers* to this Church, (which God hath put immediately and wholly into their protection, under Chriſt;) and ſpecially, from the incomparable patern of His Father of bleſſed memory, who expreſſed ſuch holy love, zeal and conſtancy to the Rites of this Church. But further, it would be

be a most uncomely *stain* and reproach to the present most Honourable, Loyal, and Religious *Houses of Parliament*, both Lords and Commons; whom God hath blessed, and eternally honoured, in making them the happy Repairers of our Civil and Desperate breaches: How can they then with any honour or conscience sacrifice the Church any longer to these *Apollyons* and *Abaddons*; its sacrilegious Wasters and Oppressors.

Sixthly, This design of the *Purchasees*, if obtained, would so cruelly weaken, peel, barkround, and exhaust the plenty, honour, power and authority of this Church, and its Clergie, both as Christian, and reformed, in all its ancient *Rights*, *Immunities* and *Enjoyments* (which are as well settled by Laws ancient and modern, as any civil estates are, or can be) that it would never recover its beauty and flourishing lustre, of late so much deflored; but both *Christianity*, and all *sober Reformation*, would daily decay and wither, by successive attempts of sacriledge and schism, till all were run to *Prophaneness*, *Atheism*, *Anarchy*, and *Barbarity*; which ever follow as the idleness and luxury, so the despicable *poverty* and *tenuity* of Church-men; of vvhich *Greece* of old, *Germany* of late, and *England* last of all are evident, but sad experiments.

7. If such an Act of *Parliament* should pass, without, and against the consent of the Clergy (who are by Law the *Proprietors* and enjoyers of those estates, *under God* and *the King*) which consent is never like

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to be gained, as it cannot reaſonably be asked:) It would make, not onely the *King* and *Parliament*, but in, and with them, the *whole Nation*, ſhrewdly ſuſpected, if not actually *guilty* of that *enormous ſin* and *curſe of Sacriledge*; which even Dr. *Burges* owns to be ſuch, though not in the caſe of Biſhops and Cathedral Lands, becauſe it is his *own caſe* and great *concern*. Let him but have his bargain, with *Judas*, he cares not whom he betrays, or what truth and conſcience he ſells; though it come up to a moſt apparent robbing of God, his Miniſters, the whole Church, its reverend *Fathers*, and moſt *eminent Sons*, yea, the whole body and fraternity of the *Faithful* in the Land, of that *double honour*, both for maintenance and reverence, which agreeably to the vvord of God *allowing*, *accepting*, or *commanding* ſuch grateful and honorary retributions of their temporals, to thoſe that impart things ſpiritual, hath been *freely given*, piouſly devoted, and by the Lavvs of the Land oft confirm'd as ſacred and inviolable to the Church and Clergy, in order to promote the Worſhip and *glory of God*, vvith the good of *ſouls*, by the order, peace, plenty, honor, government and authority of the Church, and its Miniſters, both governing, and governed. The poor man Dr. *Burges* cryes out like *Steutor*, of the gnats of his ovvn private injuries, ſuffered from the *Corporation of Wells* in his *Biſhops Lands*; yet he can ſvvallovv the camel of *his own great purchaſe* of them, though vvithout any Lavv to enable him; or any conſent of the Biſhop or others by Lavv inveſted in them; nay having a *canine appetite*, he is not yet *ſick* of *the ſin*, but onely afraid to *vomit* up thoſe *ſacred morſels*, and vvould

would fain have a *retentive cordial* from the *King, and two Houſes*; who have hitherto, and in them the whole *Nation*) been by a *ſpecial providence* kept from that *ſin and ſhame*; For what ever in this *kind of chaffering* hath hitherto been done in *England*, during our troubles, was but the counſel and practice of ſome few men, without and againſt all Laws of God and the Land, which teach all honeſt men to abhor *Sacriledge*, as *Idolatry*; as a ſin of the firſt magnitude againſt every precept of the *firſt Table*; condemned in all ages by all men *morally juſt*, as being againſt the light of Reaſon, and natural Religion, to *rob God*: Therefore deteſted always by *Jews* and *Gentiles*, *Greeks* and *Barbarians*, by *Chriſtians* and *Mahometans*, by all *Proteſtants* and *Papiſts*, as not to be diſpenſed withall, but in a caſe of *higher charity* and neceſſity, for Gods glory and the Churches good; and this with unfeigned purpoſe of making, when able, full reſtitution, in kind, or in ſomething equivalent. Which *Juſtice* is aſſerted by the Old and New Teſtament, by the Laws of this *Kingdom*, and of all Empires antient and modern; by the *Canons* of all Churches, by all *Councils*, *Fathers*, *Church-Hiſtorians*, and *learned* Divines on all ſides (as Dr. *Burges* is forced to confeſs) being a moſt impudent and deteſtable ſin, never to be palliated or excuſed, ſeldom or never pardoned or repented of; becauſe it abhors any *reſtitution*; as we ſee in Dr. *Burges* his *terrors* aud *clamors*; but is uſually puniſhed with *hardneſs of heart*; and *ſearedneſs of conſcience* in private perſons, ever fatal and unproſperous to Prince and people, juſtly revenged by God and man to many generations, by laſting and unexpiable curſes; to which

the King, Parliament and Nation ought not to be exposed upon any terms.

Eighthly, Thus to *peel* and *pillage* the Church and Clergy of *England*, after so many and long *exhaustings* will give joy and satisfaction to none but the enemies of the King, the *Church* and *Nation*: Either the envious *Papists*, or the covetous and cruel *Fanaticks*; who are as the *locusts*, *caterpillers & palmerworms* of this *Church*; the one hoping to devour what the other leaves: Nor is there any reason that the best and most of the Nation rich and poor should be all injured, scandalized and robbed by the Church and Clergies diminution and undoing, only to gratifie a few *unreasonable* and *undeserving Purchasers* of *Church lands*; who are neither good to the Tenants; nor to the poor, nor to their Prince, nor to their Saviour.

Ninethly, This *alienation* and long *diversion* of the Churches revenues, will much discourage all *learned industry* and *proficiency in this Nation*; it will damp the the spirits and studies of both our famous *Universities*, which now begin to flourish again. It will debase and *cripple* the dignity and authority of this Church and the Clergy, both *Bishops* and *Presbyters*, who of old did many great and good works: It will much defeat his Majesties charitable design and *declared pleasure* for augmenting *Vicaridges* out of Church *Impropriations*; It will obstruct and dry up the stream of *charity* and *hospitality*, which should be most exemplary in the Clergy; and it will only make way for *avarice*, *ignorance*, *anarchy* and *confusion* in the Church, which cannot but endan-

endanger the peace and ſafety of *King* and *Kingdom*, as of late we have ſeen to our woe.

Tenthly, To anſwer the temptation of preſent gain, which as the *devil to Chriſt* in the wilderneſs, that *ſerpentine paper* offers to his Excellent Majeſty, as if the liberal and loyal purchaſers would advance 50000 *l.* for his *Majeſties ſervice.*

1. It is a *goodly ſum* indeed, if it came out of their own eſtates and purſes, which it doth not; but it is too ſmall a ſum to engage any honeſt man upon ſo *great a ſin as Sacriledge*; to which all the worlds gain will not tempt a King, or any true Chriſtian, who knows how to value his ſoul or the Church of Chriſt, or Gods glory, or his Kingdoms and conſciences peace, or his own and the Nations honor, or his Clergies merit and uſefulneſs.

2. His Majeſty deſerves and enjoys ſo much of the *hearts and loves* of his people, that he needs not fear any vvant: nor vvill he be ever driven to make uſe of ſuch *crafty Merchants*, or to partake of their filthy lucre, who vvould fain dravv the King to be their partner, and to *crown their Sacrilegious projects* with his *Princely Diadem*; and while to ſave the *common people of the Nation a few pounds*, His Majeſty ſhould contract upon his Throne and Kingdom, his Conſcience and People the *ſin and ſhame of Sacriledge.*

3. Experience tells us (which Sir *Henry Spelman* obſerves) that as no private Families, ſo nor any Kings, ever grew *more comfortably rich*, or *laſtingly proſperous* by any *Sacrilegious practices*; from the *ap-*

pearance of which all ſevere *conſciences* ſhould abſtain, being to the reproach and injury, not onely of the Clergy, who are amongſt the beſt of Subjects; but even of God the giver of all, and Chriſt Jeſus the the meriter of all we have, or can give to God and his Church; yea it tends to the indignity of the whole Engliſh Nation, heretofore ſo *generous*, *magnificient* and *reſpectful* to its reverend *Biſhops* and other worthy *Miniſters*, as to entertain and treat them worthy of their *holy labors* and *high profeſſion*, to encourage their *Piety*, *Hoſpitality* and *Charitie*, with *plenty*, yea *with an honorable ſuperfluity*.

4. As His Majeſty by this *fallacious bargain* ſhall diminiſh his conſtant Revenue, which is retributed to the *Crown from the Clergie*, in *Firſt-fruits* and *Tenths*; ſo he will loſe thoſe *grateful* and *liberal Subſidies*, *Aids* and *Fifteens* which the Clergy were wont frequently to preſent with *thanks* and *chearfulneſs* to the Kings of *England*; as their moſt munificent Benefactors and Protectors; which will in leſs then a quarter of Ninety nine years, amount to far more then that ſum which thoſe *Sophiſters* and *Huckſters* do offer, if the Church and Clergy be preſerved in that opulency and freedom with which they are endowed by God, and good Princes bounty.

5. The ſtately *Fabricks of Cathredral Churches* beſides the *Biſhops*, *Deans* and *Chapters* houſes, which were once the glory of our Nation, of our Cities and our Church, being now ſorely demoliſhed, and barbarouſly vvaſted, vvill never be repaired,

red, but run to irrecoverable ruiues, if the Clergy be nowv deprived of improving the Church lands or if they be curtailed by ſuch an *alienation* or *leaſing* of them for Ninety nine years: All vvhich reparations by the preſent advance of the Churches Revenues in Clergy-mens hands, may by His Majeſties gracious *care and command* be timely efected.

6. All this (*Ampullæ*) or ſpecious offer of Five hundred thouſand pounds, as it is in truth not one penny out of the Purchaſers own *Patrimony* or *proper eſtate*, ſo it is not at all in favour of His Majeſty, but of themſelves; who having taſted how *ſweet and improveable* the *Churches Lands* are, do deſire to have their great *penniworths* made good to them, which in a moral ſenſe is impoſſible, unleſs *God* and *all parties concerned* do conſent. As for their care of his Majeſties *ſupplies*, it is certain the greateſt *Enemies* to the Church, are no *Friends* to His Majeſty: Nor is it without great regret that the *Crown Lands* are now redeemed out of ſome of their jaws, who have good *ſtomachs* to both, if they had but the *retentive Faculty*, and had ſome *Peptick powder*: But if theſe *Projectors* have ſuch a zeal to His Majeſty, let them preſent him with ſome thing that was and is their own; or at leaſt with the profits they have made of the purchaſes of *Church Lands and Houſes*.

7. As it will be infinitely more to his *Majeſties* comfort, honor and happineſs, *to render to God the things that are Gods*, who hath by miraculous mercies

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rendred to him the things that are his, as our *Cæsar* and rightful *Soveragine*: so the Godly Bishops and other dignified Clergy men, who are or shall be intrusted by his Majesties Grant and Seal in their respective estates and rights, by Law due to the Church, these (no doubt) will hold themselves forever so obliged to his gracious Majesty, as the great Patron and Restorer of the Church and Clergy, that they will study in all wayes of piety to God, and Loyalty to his Majesty, to express their gratitude in such sort as shall be most becomming their duty, and most acceptable to his Majesty. And certainely one pound thus retributed to his Majesty by the Clergy, as is the rightful owners and possessors of those Estates, will thrive better and do his Majesty more good with their prayers, then ten thousands taken from them, or pretended to be given to his Majesty by others, who have been, and desire still to be the Purchasers and improvers of the Church Lands and revenues to their own, not to the Kings or Churches benefit, whose Sacrilegious depredations, acquisitions and oblations can expect no blessing from God, or men, on giver or receiver.

8. To conclude, That the *Reverend Bishops*, and others *of the Clergie* who are concerned in these Lands, may not seem less *equanimous* and *condescending*, by all meet ways, to the quiet of *Church* and *State*, It is not to be doubted but they will upon such *reasonable termes* (as his Majesty and all persons of reason and honor shall approve) make such *agreements* with these pretended *Purchasers*, or rather *Morgagees* of

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Church Lands as are under any *Capacity* or Loyal merit of a fair *composition*, that whatsoever they are out of purse upon a due *accompt*, they may have *reimbursed* either in monies or in such equivaleney of *Lease* and *Tennancy*, as the Clergy are by Law enabled to make.

And however in so notorious a case as this was (where the known laws of God and man were most evident) there was, *Caveat Emptor* written in great Letters, that is sufficient *caution* or *warning* given to every wise and honest man, to take heed of such *Sacrilegious sales, purchases* (which can no more be justified in reason, law or conscience) because the office *of Bishops* and use of *Deanes* and *Chapters*, were without and against law taken away, (as the *learned* Dr. *Burges* accutely pleads in his *case*) than *Ahab* and *Jezebel* could justify the taking possession of *Nabaths* Vineyard because he was now killed) yet because the *deluſion* was strong as well as the *temptation*, and many now Loyal Subjects, might possibly in the *simplicity of their souls* be engaged in such unjust *bargains*, care may be had that they shall sustaine no loss, though they get no *great gain*; which equability will satisfie all sober-minded men.

As for others, whose gain is their God, whose *apostacy* hath made them desperate Enemies to the Church and Clergy of *England*, whose covetous and contentious ambition is a bottomless & unsatiable gulph of perdition, aiming in their despair and hypocrisie, to swallow up or imbroyl a new both Church and State, King and Clergy all things sacred and civil, if they had power

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equal to their rage, despite and maliee. These mens *proposals* and *clamors* are not to be regarded by pious honest and resolute men, farther then to be constantly denied and severely suppressed; Notwithstanding that they be as importune as Dr. *Burges himself* who with his Diurnal *Libells* and *Pamphlets* runs to the City of *London* and *Wells*, *grining* and *grudging*, that he is not satisfied with his beloved purchases of Church Lands, as he well deserves, being a person of that repute and worth, that besides other old and new reports of his vertues, he is by a decree in *Chancery May*, 1. 1657. adorned with this *Elogy* upon record; *As an Author and prosecutor of so great injustice and oppression, as are utterly unbecomming a man of common honesty*, much *more a Minister of the Gospel*, whose conversation should be an example (as the decree speaks) of piety and Justice to others.

If this Belwether be such a *Cretian* and Borborites, who was the gracious Author of that infamous Libel, called the *Anatomy*; being the *Epitomy* of Dr. *Burges* his *falsity*, *folly*, and *scurrility*, not worth a sober mans *answering* or *reading*; what shall we think of the rest of that *heard*, which of latter years have been *fitted* with the Church Lands and the estates of other men, much *theirs*, and his *betters*, who never needed any *compurgators* for their innocency and credit? In whose behalf that *Boanerges* or great *zealot* for the *reforming* of the *Church* of *England*, (in order to keep his *Bishops Lands* by keeping out the *Bishop* of *Bathe* and *Wels* and all others, of that Cathedral, from repossessing their own estates) hath for so oft filled and killed the world

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with the poysonous *crambe* of his *Paradoxes*: That *Sacriledge*, (in all mens sence but his own) is *no sin*: And that the selling and buying of *Bishops* and Cathedrals Lands, is no *sacrilege*, But this *Mountebankry* is now grown stale and scorned even by the vulgar; nor will it serve to keep him from the Justice of Gods and mans Laws, which require restitution of his own fine new Houses and Gardens in lieu of of these good old houses of the *Bishops*, *Deans*, and others which that *dilapidator* of the Church hath pulled down.

Nor will it serve his turn, to cry out that his conscience is so sore grieved with the collick of the Covenant, that he cannot indure the return of *Bishops*, *Deans*, and *Chapters*: Indeed his fits and gripes arise from the just fear he hath, that these his rivals may now drive him out of the *Babel* which he hath built, and dispossess him of his unlucky Purchases, which to attend by any meanes this *Protem* will rather disguise himself into *Presbytery* and *Independency*, contrary to his former hue and profession, then return to a well-constituted Episcopacy which is (certainly) more consonant by far with the law of the Land, and the genius of the people of England, then either of the other pittiful novelties and much more agreeable to his so Sacred Covenant, since in that he expresly engaged himself not onely against his so feared Prelacy and Popery, but also against Schisme and Superstition; of both which those seditious innovations in Church and State, are as vehemently suspected and charged by learned and godly men, as *Gehazy* was with *Naamans Leprosie*, when having stolen his *undeserved fees* for

his Masters miracle, he went out of *Elishas* presence, as white as *snow*: which blessing may in a few years, more befall this Black-defender, that *Sacriledge* (that is selling of Church Lands against law) *is no sin*, Whom all sober minded men will leave to be punished with his own manners; yet so as to follow his deplorable soul, with such prayers as Christian Charity will permit, for those that have not sinned the sin unto death, by willful and known apostacy; and by opposing of most evident truths, such as these are, that God and his Church are not to be robbed.

FINIS.

Books written by Dr. *Gauden*, and sold by *Andrew Crook*, at the green Dragon in St. *Pauls* Church-yard.

1. *Hieraspistes*, A Defence for the *Ministry* and *Ministers* of the Church of *England*.
2. Three Sermons preached on publick occasions.
3. *Funerals* made *Cordials*, in a Sermon preached at the Interment of the Corps of *Robert Rich*, Heir apparent to the Earldom of *Warwick*.
4. A sermon preached at the Funeral of Dr. *Ralph Brownrig* Bishop of *Exceter* (*Decemb.* 17. 1659.) with an account of his *Life and Death*.
5. A *Petitionary Remonstrance* in the behalf of many thousand Ministers and Scholars.

Καυτῆρες, *sive Medicastri*, Slight healers of publique hurts, set forth in a Sermon Preached in St. *Pauls* Church, *London*, before the right honorable Lord Mayor, Lord General, Aldermen, Common-Council, & Companies of the honorable City of *London*, *Febr.* 28. 1659. being a day of Solemn thanksgiving unto God, for restoring the Secluded Members of Parliament to the house of Commons, (And for preserving the City) as a Door of Hope thereby opened to the fulness and freedom of future Parliaments: The most probable means under God for healing the Hurts, and recovering the health of these three Brittish Kingdoms.

Μεγαλεῖα Θεοῦ, Gods great Demonstrations and Demands of Justice, Mercy and Humility, set forth in a Sermon preached before the Honorable House of Commons, at their Solemn Fast, before their first sitting, *April* 30. 1660.

ΑΝΑΛΥΣΙΣ, The loosing of St. *Peters* Bands; setting forth the true sense and solution of the Covenant in point of Conscience, so far as it relates to the Government of the Church by Episcopacy.